

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter amendments to the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of retrieving information via a network, comprising:

receiving ~~initiating~~ a phone call ~~initiated~~ by ~~entering~~ a dialing sequence, wherein the dialing sequence was entered by a caller to make a telephone connection on a telephone of the caller,
wherein the dialing sequence includes at least a telephone number, ~~to make a telephone connection;~~

~~responsive to determining that the phone call includes is a request for web-based information;~~

~~determining the web-based information requested; and~~

determining a network address of a return response device of the caller, wherein the web-based information is to be returned to the caller at the return response device, and wherein the network address is not associated with the ~~phone call~~ telephone by receiving a network protocol formatted request generated by the telephone nor by receiving a network protocol formatted return address generated by the telephone;

generating a network protocol request for the requested web-based information; and

sending the network protocol request to a network server capable of retrieving the web-based information, wherein sending the network protocol request includes sending the network address to the network server for enabling the network server to forward; ~~delivering~~ the retrieved information to the return response device at the network address ~~associated with the phone call.~~

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the network address of the return response device includes receiving the network address ~~the phone call is a request for web-based information comprises detecting a sequence by the network address being appended to the dialing sequence~~ phone number.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving the network address sequence ~~is appended to the dialing sequence~~ phone number includes receiving at least a portion of the network address after the telephone connection is made.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~2~~, 1, wherein the method includes:

receiving a telephone number for the caller's telephone during the phone call and wherein determining the network address of the return response device includes looking up a network address for the return response device responsive to receiving the caller's telephone number. ~~further comprising, responsive to detecting the sequence, appending an IP address associated with the telephone to the phone number.~~

5. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~4~~, 1, ~~wherein appending the IP address comprises determining an IP address of a device associated with~~ wherein the caller's return response device is physically separate from the telephone and determining the network address of the return response device includes:

receiving the network address from an address generating device physically separate from the telephone and connected to the telephone and the caller's return response device, so that the sending of the network address for the caller's return response device to the network server enables the network server to forward the retrieved information to a device physically independent of the telephone.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~4, 5~~, wherein receiving ~~initiating~~ the phone call comprises ~~initiating the~~ receiving a phone call from ~~with~~ a landline telephone.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the caller's return response device includes a desktop computer. ~~determining the network address associated with the phone call comprises determining the IP address of a web-connected computer coupled to the telephone.~~

8. (currently amended) A telephone system, comprising

an automated call handler configured to receive a telephone call from a telephone of a caller and to determine if the telephone call is a request for web-based information;

a web device configured for to i) determining web-based information associated with the request and an IP address of a return response device of the caller to which the web-based information is to be returned to the caller, and wherein the IP address is not associated with the telephone call by receiving a network protocol formatted request generated by the telephone nor by receiving a network protocol formatted return address generated by the telephone, and to ii) generating an HTTP request for the web-based information;

a web server connected to the web device, the web server being configured to respond to receipt of the HTTP request by retrieving the requested web-based information and sending the retrieved information to the return response device at the IP address, ~~associated with the telephone call.~~

9. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the automated call handler is configured to determine the network address of the return response device by receiving the IP address, the network address being appended to the dialing sequence. ~~if the telephone call is a request for web based information by detecting a specified sequence transmitted as part of the phone call.~~

10. (currently amended) The system of claim 9, ~~wherein the specified sequence includes a web request sequence identifying the call as a request for web-based information, wherein receiving the network address appended to the dialing sequence includes receiving at least a portion of the network address after the phone connection is made.~~

11. (currently amended) The system of claim 10, wherein a telephone number of the automated call handler manager is associated with a plurality of web pages and further wherein at least a portion of the specified sequence identifies one of the plurality ~~polarity~~ of web pages as the requested web-based information.

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, 12, wherein the system includes a look up table (LUT) having at least a one telephone number of the caller's telephone and corresponding information indicative of the IP address of the ~~user~~ caller's return response device, and the web device is configured to look up a network address for the return response device responsive to receiving the caller's telephone number.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the automated call handler is configured to process the telephone call as a voice telephone call if the telephone call lacks the specified sequence.

15. (currently amended) A communication service, comprising

enabling an automated call handler to detect telephone to initiate a request for web-based information responsive to by dialing receiving a dialing sequence from a caller's telephone, the dialing sequence having at least, a telephone number for making a telephone call connection;

enabling an IP address sending device connected to the caller's telephone to determine an IP address of a web-connected, return response device of the caller, the return response device being physically independent of the caller's associated with the telephone number;
and

enabling the a-call handling system to respond to receipt of the telephone call by generating an HTTP request for the web-based information and sending the request to a web server containing the web-based information.

16. (currently amended) The service of claim 15, wherein the caller's telephone comprises a landline telephone and wherein the web-connected, return response device is a web-connected computer to which the caller's telephone and the IP address sending device are is connected.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The service of claim 15, wherein enabling the call handler handling system to respond to receipt of the caller's telephone call includes enabling the call handler handling system to recognize a predetermined sequence appended to the caller's telephone dialing sequence call or entered after the caller's phone call connection is made.

19. (original) The service of claim 18 wherein the predetermined sequence includes an IP address associated with the telephone or with a computer connected to the telephone.

20. (currently amended) The service of claim 19, further comprising enabling the IP address sending device to ~~means for appending~~ the IP address to the telephone call.

21. (new) The system of claim 13, wherein the caller's return response device is physically separate from the telephone and the determining of the network address of the return response device includes:

receiving the network address from an address generating device physically independent of the telephone and connected to the telephone and the caller's return device, so that the sending of the network address for the caller's return device to the network server enables the network server to forward the retrieved information to a device physically independent of the telephone.